

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 144**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Olsen**

May 5, 2014

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 144—Relative to California Charter Schools Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 144, as introduced, Olsen. California Charter Schools Week.

This measure would proclaim May 5, 2014, to May 11, 2014, inclusive, to be California Charter Schools Week, and would state that the Legislature joins the California Charter Schools Association in congratulating charter schools for the accomplishments and contributions they have made to public education.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In the 2013–14 academic year, 104 new charter  
2 schools opened their doors across the state, helping to create new  
3 jobs and opportunities for educators and other professionals in  
4 California; and

5 WHEREAS, Charter schools are public schools that increase  
6 learning opportunities for all pupils and provide parents and pupils  
7 with expanded choices within the public school system; and

8 WHEREAS, There are 1,130 charter schools operating in  
9 California, the highest number of any state in the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Charter schools have a combined enrollment of  
11 over 519,000 pupils, representing 8.4 percent of the public school  
12 pupil population in the state; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1992, California was the second state in the  
2 nation to establish charter schools; and

3 WHEREAS, Charter schools serve as beacons of innovation  
4 and produce effective models of education, of significance to all  
5 public schools; and

6 WHEREAS, Many charter schools are designed specifically to  
7 serve children from traditionally disadvantaged communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Charter schools have made dramatic gains in  
9 accelerating the closing of the achievement gap for those  
10 underserved populations, increasing the graduation rate and  
11 improving college readiness; and

12 WHEREAS, Charter schools create new professional  
13 opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be  
14 responsible for the learning program at the schoolsite; and

15 WHEREAS, Charter schools offer a variety of learning  
16 environments and emphases, including college-preparedness, career  
17 technical education, arts, and sciences; and

18 WHEREAS, Charter schools play an integral role in California's  
19 public education system, the communities in which they operate,  
20 the families they serve, and the pupils' lives they impact; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 5, 2014,  
24 to May 11, 2014, inclusive, to be California Charter Schools Week,  
25 and joins the California Charter Schools Association in  
26 congratulating charter schools for the accomplishments and  
27 contributions they have made to public education; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.